

Docket No.  
448563/0242

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: **Hitotoshi Kimura** Group Art Unit: **3752**  
Application No.: **10/782,467** Examiner: **Christopher S. Kim**  
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For: **LIQUID STORAGE UNIT AND LIQUID EJECTING APPARATUS**  
Date: **January 2, 2008**

**RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action of the United States Patent and Trademark Office dated November 1, 2007, the time for response to which having been extended for one month from December 1, 2007, to and including January 2, 2008 (this being the first business day after January 1, 2008, a Federal Holiday in the District of Columbia), by the accompanying Petition for Extension of Time, Applicant elects for prosecution on the merits the invention corresponding to Species B, which the Office Action defined as corresponding to Figure 6.

At least claims 5 and 6 read on elected Species I. This election of species is made without conceding the propriety of the Election of Species Requirement, or that the species have been properly defined.

Applicant further submits that all claims pending in this application are patentable over the prior art. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance of this application are respectfully requested.

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**Response to Election of Species Requirement filed January 2, 2008**

**Reply to Office Action dated November 1, 2007**

Other than the extension fee authorized in the accompanying Petition for Extension of Time, no fees are believed to be due in connection with the filing of this paper. If, however, the Commissioner deems any such fee(s) to be now or hereafter due, the Commissioner is authorized to charge all such fees to Deposit Account No. 19-4709.

In the event that there are any questions, or should additional information be required, please contact Applicant's attorney at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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